

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of viewing multi-media content on a television having a
2 display area, comprising:
3 providing a remote control to control images being displayed on the
4 display area;
5 displaying a first image of first type on the display area, the first image
6 substantially filling the display area and having a first length and a first width, the first
7 image having a first length-to-width ratio;
8 initiating a first instruction on the remote control to modify the first image
9 being displayed on the display area; and
10 displaying on the display area a reduced image of the first image overlaid
11 on a second image of second type in response to the first instruction, the reduced image of
12 the first image having a second length and a second width and having a second length-to-
13 width ratio, wherein the first and second values of the length-to-width ratio being
14 substantially the same.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 filling the display area with the second image of second type in response to
3 a second instruction initiated with the remote control; and
4 displaying on the display area a reduced image of the second image
5 overlaid on the first image in response to a third instruction initiated with the remote
6 control.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the first image of first type is a
2 video image and the second image of second type is a browser image.

1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the first image of first type is a
2 browser image and the second image of second type is a video image.

1 5. The method of claim 2, wherein the remote control has a single
2 button to input the instructions.

1 6. A method of viewing multi-media content on a television having a
2 display area, comprising:
3 providing a remote control having an input mechanism;

4 displaying a first image of first type on the display area, the first image
5 having a first size and being overlaid on a second image of second type, so that the
6 second image is not visible to a user viewing the display area, the first image with the first
7 size having a first length-to-width ratio;
8 initiating a first instruction with the input mechanism; and
9 reducing the first image with the first size to a second size in response to
10 the first instruction, so that the second image is partially displayed on the display area, the
11 first image with the second size having a second length-to-width ratio that is substantially
12 the same as the first length-to-width ratio.

1 7. The method of claim 6, the method further comprising:
2 initiating a second instruction using the input mechanism of the remote
3 control;
4 in response to the second instruction, reducing the size of the first image
5 being displayed on the display area until the first image is no longer visible on the display
6 area; and
7 thereafter, increasing the size of the first image being displayed on the
8 display area until the first image substantially fills the display area.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the input mechanism of the remote
2 control is a button.

1 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the input mechanism of the remote
2 control has a first button and a second button, where the first button decreases the size of
3 the first image being displayed on the display area, and the second button increases the
4 size of the second image being displayed on the display area.

1 10. A method of viewing multi-media content on a television having a
2 display area, comprising:

3 providing a remote control having an input mechanism;
4 displaying a first image of first type on the display area, the first image
5 having a first size and being overlaid on a second image of second type, so that the
6 second image is not visible to a user viewing the display area, the first image with the first
7 size having a first length-to-width ratio, wherein a size of the first image of first type is
8 defined by a variable b with an initial value b_1 ;
9 initiating a first instruction with the input mechanism;

10 decreasing the value of b from b1 to b2 in response to the first instruction;
11 and
12 reducing the first image with the first size to a second size in response to
13 the decrease in the value of b, so that the second image is partially displayed on the
14 display area, the first image with the second size having a second length-to-width ratio
15 that is substantially the same as the first length-to-width ratio.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
2 initiating a second instruction using the input mechanism of the remote
3 control;
4 decreasing the value of b from b2 to b3 in response to the second
5 instruction; and
6 in response to the decrease in the value of b, reducing the size of the first
7 image being displayed on the display area until the first image is no longer visible on the
8 display area.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising:
2 initiating a third instruction using the input mechanism of the remote
3 control;
4 resetting the value of b to b1 in response to the third instruction; and
5 thereafter, displaying the first image overlaid on the second image in
6 response to the adjustment of the value of b to b1, the first image substantially filling the
7 display area so that the second image is no longer visible on the display area.

1 13. The method of claim 10, wherein the input mechanism of the
2 remote control is a button.

1 14. The method of claim 10, wherein the input mechanism of the
2 remote control has a first button and a second button, where the first button decreases the
3 value of b and the second button increases the value of b.

1 15. The method of claim 1, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is
2 4:3.

1 16. The method of claim 1, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is
2 16:9.

- 1 17. The method of claim 6, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is
2 4:3.
- 1 18. The method of claim 6, wherein the second length-to-width ratio is
2 16:9.
- 1 19. The method of claim 10, wherein the second length-to-width ratio
2 is 4:3.
- 1 20. The method of claim 10, wherein the second length-to-width ratio
2 is 16:9.